

East County Intercom



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Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS!

Free ESOL Classes: The Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center will begin new daytime and evening ESOL classes (English for Speakers of Other Languages) for adults on **September 9th**. The classes will be open to all wishing to learn English. Two classes, beginner and intermediate/advanced levels, provided by the Chinese Culture and Community Center, will be held on Tuesday evenings from 6-8:30 p.m. and will run for 20 consecutive weeks. A third class is being provided by the African Immigrant Refugee Foundation and will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. This will be an intermediate/advanced class. All classes are offered free of charge, however a \$10 refundable deposit and \$20 book fee are required. To sign up for a class, or to receive more information, call 240-777-8400.

All classes are held at the Regional Center, 3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring.



Montgomery County Executive
Isiah Leggett
and the
Office of
Community Partnerships
cordially invite you to celebrate

African Heritage Month

Monday, September 8, 2008
4 - 8 p.m.

Executive Office Building
101 Monroe Street
Cafeteria, Terrace Level
Rockville, Maryland 20850

Proclamation Presented by County Executive Isiah Leggett
Panel Discussion on Issues Impacting the African Community
Presenting National and Local Leaders, Experts and Advocates

Reception featuring African Cuisine and Entertainment
Hosted by Members of Montgomery County African Affairs Advisory Group
For more information, call 240-777-2584.

Parking available at the Council Office Building across the street.

Everyone Welcome!

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The Peoples' Community Wellness Center at EMRSC



A Cooperative Venture between the People's Community Wellness Center (TPCWC), Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center (EMRSC) & Mobile Med. For questions, call TPCWC at (301) 847-1172

Montgomery County Police
3rd Dist. Police - Silver Spring
801 Sligo Avenue,
Silver Spring, MD 20910
Tel #(301) 565-7740

East County Regional Job Fair -The Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center and the East County Community Center are hosting a Job Fair on **Thursday, November 6, from 3 to 7 p.m.** The Fair will take place in the **East County Community Center, 3310 Gateshead Manor Way, Silver Spring**. More than 50 employers are expected to attend, providing job-seekers with information on current job openings, taking applications and resumes, and providing on-site interviews. **Persons interested in getting assistance with preparing or editing their resumes can attend a Resume Writing Workshop on October 16th at 10:00 a.m. at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center.** The Center is located adjacent to the Community Center, at 3300 Briggs Chaney Road. Call 240-777-8400 to register for this workshop. The job fair is co-sponsored by *Councilmember Don Praisner, Montgomery Works, Manpower, Jewish Council for the Aging, and Commission for Women*. For more information, or to register as one of the employers, call 240-777-8400.

*The future depends on
what we do in the
present .
~ Mahatma Gandhi*

East County Community Celebrates National Night Out: On Tuesday, August 5th, East County residents joined communities across the nation in celebrating the 25th annual National Night Out Against Crime. The events give residents an opportunity to meet their neighbors, aiding the strengthening of communities. They also raise awareness of and support for crime and drug prevention programs. The festivities were held at the Enclave Silver Spring Apartments on Oakleaf Drive in Silver Spring. Included among the approximately 300 guests were Council President Don Praisner and State Representative Valerie Kaiser, both East County residents. It was an enjoyable evening for both adults and children with food, entertainment, and family fun for everyone. Activities for the children included games, musical entertainment, face painting, crafts, and petting the park police horse. Parents were able to take advantage of finger printing kits and picture identification cards for their children, bicycle registration, self defense demonstrations, music and of course, lots of information regarding crime and safety issues. Attendees also had the opportunity to meet and talk with local law enforcement officers. East County's National Night Out was co-sponsored by Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center, Departments of Police and Recreation, The Marilyn J. Praisner Library, Montclair Apartments, and Enclave Silver Spring.



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Important Back-to-School Safety Reminders

Montgomery County Public Schools are back in session from Tuesday, August 26, and Police Chief J. Thomas Manger, along with the officers of the Montgomery County Police Department, want to *encourage all community members to continue to make the safety of our children a top priority!*

All drivers should be on the lookout for young pedestrians who will be walking to and from school. Parents should set aside time to remind their children of the following: cross streets at marked crosswalks, look both ways before crossing the street, and don't cross the street between parked cars. If there isn't a sidewalk and it is necessary to walk in the street, walk on the left side facing traffic. Children and adults should follow the directions of our Crossing Guards who are there to assist and protect students. Drivers should know that county law enforcement agencies are using automated speed enforcement cameras in school zones where there has been documented speeding. There will be particular focus on all school zones for enforcement by both cameras & officers during the first 30 days after school starts.

Some students will be riding bicycles to school. Please remind them that they must follow all traffic rules and signs, i.e. stop signs and traffic lights. By law, all children under the age of 18 must wear a bicycle helmet when riding or being carried on a bicycle, while riding on a public street, right-of-way, or on a bicycle path. Bicycle helmets should be worn to cover the forehead, not tipped to the back of the head.

Many students will be riding buses to school and all drivers are strongly reminded that they are required to stop at least 20 feet from school buses that are stopped with flashing red lights. It is also recommended that adults accompany young children to bus stops, and remain with them until the bus arrives.

The start of the school season is also a good time to remind children of basic safe practices. Children should not speak to strangers, and once they are home, they should not open or answer a knock at the door if an adult is not present without first determining who is there. Every child should have a list of parents', neighbors', and/or relatives' phone numbers that they can call for assistance. Children should also know when it is appropriate to call 9-1-1.

As we make school safety a top priority, County police remind motorists that the violations of these Maryland Transportation Articles may result in the following penalties: speeding in a school zone incurs a fine of up to \$1,000.00 and 5 points on your license, and passing a school bus with flashing red lights incurs a fine of \$570.00 and 3 points against your license.

Parents who bring their children to school or pick them up after school, are reminded to obey the “No Parking, No Stopping, and No Standing” signs in a School Zone.

A violation of this sign incurs a fine of \$50.00.



Solar Derby at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center—Two dozen kids and parents are preparing to race their solar cars, which they just assembled. The workshop and derby were conducted by Eric Coffman as an environmental education project out of the Department of Environmental Protection.

Montgomery County

Housing Fair

€ Financial Fitness Day

Saturday, September 27, 2008

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Activity Center at Bohrer Park, Summit Hall Farm (next to Gaithersburg High School)
506 S. Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20877

Ride On Bus #55 or #59 from points north and from Shady Grove Metro Red Line

FREE ADMISSION!
FREE CREDIT REPORTS!
FREE ONE-ON-ONE COUNSELING!

First Time Home Buyers Class 12-3 p.m.
(You Must Pre-Register, 301-590-2765)

Learn How to Obtain, Read & Understand Your Credit Report!

Over 90 Exhibitors: businesses, banks, community organizations, government agencies.
Learn about managing money and credit, preventing foreclosure, increasing earning power, home safety, utility assistance, and energy saving.

**Entertainment, Food, Prizes
Activities for Children**



The Fall is organized by the Montgomery County Department of Housing and Community Affairs in partnership with the Housing Fair Planning Committee, whose members include the Cities of Gaithersburg, Rockville and Takoma Park; The Drexel Book, HomeFree USA, L&C; Housing and Community Initiatives, Inc.; the Housing Opportunities Commission of Montgomery County; Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development; the Mid-County, Silver Spring and Up-County Regional Services Centers; and the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services.



What's happening in East County...

SPECIAL EVENT !



BLANCHE WILLIAMS APPEARING AT WHITE OAK LIBRARY

Date: 9/27/2008 **Start Time:** 2:00 PM **End Time:** 3:00 PM

Description: Achieving your potential: Be inspired to greatness by award winning XM Radio host, author, personal coach & fabu-lady. **Library:** White Oak Library, 11701 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20904. Call (240) 773-9555 for more information or go to <http://www.greatnessbydesign.com/>



The 18th annual Burtonsville Day is scheduled for **Sept. 27** at the **Marilyn J. Praisner Community/Recreation Center**, 14910 Old Columbia Pike. Festivities kick off on Sept. 26 with a family movie at Cedar

Ridge Church. A parade is held the following morning which features high school bands, local politicians, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. Look for our own East County Citizens Advisory Board waving and greeting residents as well. The event continues throughout the day with vendors, crafters, food, car and pet shows, and kids games. For more information go to: www.burtonsvilleyday.org

Carnival



The BVFD Carnival will be held this year at a **NEW LOCATION!** The carnival will be held at **Cedar Ridge Community Church** at 2410 Spencerville Road, Spencerville, MD which is on Route 198 about a mile east of Route 650 (New Hampshire Avenue) and about 2 1/2 miles west of Route 29. The carnival will be held Thursday through Sunday, 9/4 - 9/7/08 and Wednesday through **Saturday 9/10 - 9/13/08**. The hours are 6:30-10pm weekdays, 6:30-11pm weekends, 12-6pm on Sunday. Family Nights are 9/4, 9/7, 9/10, and 9/11 which allows one person to ride all of the rides as many times as they like for only \$18. Make sure to bring your appetite and stop by the BVFD Food Booth. Also for the first time we will have an on-site ATM machine. Parking is available on-site. Thank you in advance for helping the BVFD raise much needed funds, and we hope to see you there!

BILINGUAL STORYTIME!

CHINESE AND ENGLISH

Saturdays at 10:00 am

September 13, October 11, November 15, 08

Come and join us for stories, songs, finger-plays, and crafts in Chinese and English. Learn more about the Chinese language and culture with fun activities.

For non-Chinese speakers, this program will help you learn Chinese in a fun way.

For Chinese speakers, this program will help you connect with your Chinese heritage.

Free Family Program

No registration required

White Oak Library

11701 New Hampshire Avenue

Silver Spring, MD 20904

240-773-9555; TTY 301-622-6596

To request this flyer in an alternate format or ADA program accommodations, contact your library five work days in advance.

www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library

For direction to White Oak Library, click <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/Libraries/branchinfo/wo.asp>

Flea Market/Yard Sale

The Knight's of Columbus Flea Market is **Saturday, September 13th from 7:00am to 2:00pm** at The Church of the Resurrection (corner of Greencastle Rd. and Old Columbia Pike). Vendor set up at 6:00am, \$10.00 fee for 2 parking spaces rental tables available at \$5.00 ea. All are welcome. Rain date is Sept. 20th

Linkages to Learning

YMCA Youth and Family Services
 Greencastle Elementary & Banneker Middle Schools



Linkages to Learning provides family workshops, educational support services, case management, and mental health services to families at Greencastle and Banneker. If you or someone you know is experiencing financial, emotional or social issues, please contact us at 301-572-7001 or 301-476-7672

Donations: Linkages to Learning is currently accepting donations of hats, gloves, scarves, coats and jackets. All donations are tax deductible

Volunteer: Do you have free time? Volunteer with Linkages to Learning. We are looking for volunteers to: Child Care during our workshops

Contact Ebony Davis Site Coordinator/ Case Manager for more information. Green Castle ES (301) 572-7001/Banneker MS (301) 476-7672

Activities at Allen Chapel AME Church

2518 Fairland Road Silver Spring, Maryland
 Rev. Dr. Baron D. Young, Pastor (301)879-9232

Fish Fry and Yard Sale

Men's Ministry, Trustees and the Usher Board Fish Fry & Yard Sale **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2008**

Yard Sale - 8am - 4pm, \$15.00 per space.

Asking 50% of sales to be donated to Church.

Contact Shirley Lynn 301-890-3126

Fish fry Noon- 6pm

Menu- Fried Fish, French fries, green Beans, Desserts & Drinks
 Donation \$10.00 per plate-Adult \$5.00 per plate Children under 12

other learning programs go to Calendar of Events at:

<http://host.evanced.info/montgomerycountymd/evanced/eventcalendar.asp?ag=&et=&dt=dr&ds=2008-3-31&de=2008-9-30&df=list&cn=0&private=0&lib=5>

White Oak Library, 11701 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, Maryland 20904 Tel 240-773-9555

To review the White Oak Library's upcoming events and other learning programs go to Calendar of Events at

<http://host.evanced.info/montgomerycountymd/evanced/eventcalendar.asp?ag=&et=&dt=dr&ds=2008-3-31&de=2008-9-30&df=list&cn=0&private=0&lib=20>



Meeting and conference room space is available at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Center. *To reserve space, call the CUPF agency at #(240) 777-2706*

FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY NEWS - go to
http://montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/News/press/PR_list.asp

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Website: www.mcstroke.org

Click below to review Upcoming MCSA September events

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/rsc/eastco/Newsletters/2008/September2008/mcsaeventsseptember2008.pdf>

SAVE THE DATE !

EAST COUNTY LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

When : October 18, 2008 Time : 9:00 AM —2:00 PM

Where : Marilyn J. Praisner Community Center

14906 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville, MD 20866

Topic areas for discussion: Health, Housing, Transportation, Education, Economic Development & Public Safety.

Invitations will be sent in early September.

For more information, call 240-777-8400 or email

eastco.citizen@montgomerycountymd.gov

East County Citizens Advisory Board (ECCAB)

Guests are invited to attend the East County Citizens Advisory Board meetings and encouraged to ask questions & provide comments.

Our next ECCAB meeting will be held at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center on

Wednesday, October 1, 2008 at 7:15pm

For questions please contact : Tel (240) 777-8400 / TTY (240) 777-8418

Welcome New Board Members

Meetings are open to the Public!

Election Judges Needed for 2008 Presidential General Election

Election Day, November 4 Individuals affiliated with the Republican Party or registered as Independent or Unaffiliated are especially needed. The Board of Elections is also seeking individuals to serve as part-time Closer Judges to assist with the closing of the polling place on Election Night. In addition, election judges bilingual in Spanish and election judge alternates are needed throughout the county. Training will be provided and all judges will be compensated for Election Day. To apply, or for more information, call the Board of Elections at 240-777-8533 or e-mail electionjudge@montgomerycountymd.gov

Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center

3300 Briggs Chaney Road

Silver Spring, MD 20904

Phone: 240-777-8400 / Fax: 240-777-8410

e-mail: eastco.citizen@montgomerycountymd.gov

web : <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/eastco>



FREE Compost Bins

available at EMRSC

Call 240-777-8400

M-F 8:30 am -5:00 pm



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<https://ext01.montgomerycountymd.gov/entp/s1p/esubpublic/newssubscriber.do>